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SYRIAN STATEMENT ON POWS

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1. SIGNATURE OF U.S.-EGYPTIAN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND
DAMASCUS PRESS CONFERENCE ON ISRAELI TREATMENT OF SYRIAN
POWS ARE MAJOR ITEMS ON ME IN SOVIET PRESS JUNE 15.

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2. SELECTIVE SUMMARY OF DECLARATION IN CAIRO-DATELINED TASS

ARTICLE PROVIDES ALMOST VERBATIM REPLAY OF STATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING U.) -EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. ME SECTION CITES U.S.- EGYPTIAN CONCURRENCE ON VIEW THAT ME PEACE CAN BE ATTAINED ONLY THROUGH CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN UNSC RE- SOLUTIONS "WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ON ME." LANGUAGE ON BASIS FOR PEACE IN DECLARATION IS IGNORED. PORTION OF ARTICLE ON U.S.-EGYPTIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS STRESSES PROVISIONS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. ARTICLE GIVES MAIN POINTS OF SEDITION ON ATOMIC ENERGY, NOTING U.S. WILL SUPPLY EGYPT WITH REACTORS AND FUEL AFTER AGREEMENT IS NEGOTIATED. ON OTHER ASPECTS, TASS REPORTS PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHING SEVERAL BILATERAL COMMISSIONS, BUT SPECIFICALLY REFERS ONLY TO COMMISSION WHICH WILL " INVESTIGATE AND RECOMMEND MEASURES FOR OPENING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIVATE AMERICAN CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN CURRENT PROJECTS IN EGYPT."

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH ACCOUNT OF STATEMENTS BY SADAT AND PRESIDENT AS SIGNING CEREMONY. GIVING MAIN COVERAGE TO SADAT SPEECH, STORY NOTES THAT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT STRESSED ME CON- FFLICT IS STILL NOT SETTLED. ACCORDING TASS SADAT EMPHASIZED THAT EGYPT VIEWS DISENGAGEMENT ON SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN FRONTS AS JUST FIRST STEP TOWARD SETTLEMENT AND THAT "PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS THE CENTRAL QUESTION OF THE ME CONFLICT." ARTICLE SAYS PRESIDENT RESPONDED BY NOTING RECENT SUCCESSES IN PROCESS OF ME SETTLEMENT AND DECLARING U.S. IS READY TO COOPERATE IN THIS DIRECTION WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.

4. PRAVDA'S LENGTHY REPORT ON DAMASCUS PRESS CONFERENCE BY CORRESPONDENT OREKHOV REPLAYS SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT CHARGING ISRAEL WITH MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF GENEVA CONVENTION. OREKHOV SAYS ACCOUNTS PROVIDED BY PRISONERS (ONE CLAIMING HE WAS FORCED TO WALK THROUGH MINE FIELD IN FRONT OF ISRAELI TANKS) CLEARLY SHOW THAT RECENT ISRAELI CHARGES ABOUT MISTREATMENT OF POWS ARE AIMED AT "CONCEALING THEIR OWN CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY." STOESEL

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